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PROGRESS MADE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW DIRECTIONS STRATEGY FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Proposal by the Group of 77 and China

The High-level Committee,

Reaffirming General Assembly resolution 50/119 of 20 December 1995 and related resolutions of the Economic and Social Council on economic cooperation among developing countries and technical cooperation among developing countries,

Recalling its decision 9/2 adopting the main recommendations contained in the report on new directions for technical cooperation among developing countries,[1]

1. Recognizing that, while some progress has been made in the implementation of the new directions strategy for technical cooperation among developing countries, further progress can be achieved more effectively through the availability and provision of adequate resources;

2. Urges the United Nations development system to promote a closer operational integration between technical cooperation among developing countries and economic cooperation among developing countries;

3. Also urges the United Nations development system to address effectively and operationalize the implementation of other recommendations contained in the new directions strategy, in particular, new funding arrangements, expansion of the technical cooperation among developing countries,

[1] TCDC/9/3.

Information Referral System, identification of pivotal countries for technical cooperation among developing countries, promotion of triangular cooperation arrangements and dissemination of best practices in technical cooperation among developing countries;

4. Commends the efforts being made to promote improved, expanded and diversified linkages with the private sector, non-governmental organizations and civil society;

5. Welcomes, in the context of follow-up to the Programme of Action on Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, and within the framework of the Small Island Developing States Technical Assistance Programme, the completion of a comprehensive directory of experts on small island developing States and the identification of critical areas in the programme of action for implementation, through the application of the technical cooperation among developing countries modality;

6. Welcomes also the establishment of the Trust Fund for South-South Cooperation by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, notes with appreciation the contribution of some developed countries to the Trust Fund, and urges the international donor community to contribute generously;

7. Endorses the cooperation framework for technical cooperation among developing countries (1997-1999) and its focus on poverty eradication, environment, production and employment and trade, investment and macroeconomic management;

8. Welcomes the decision of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme to allocate 0.05 per cent of its overall programme resources, estimated at $15 million, to technical cooperation among developing countries during the period 1997-1999;

9. Calls upon developing and developed countries, as well as the organizations and agencies of the United Nations system, to give their full support to the effective implementation of the technical cooperation among developing countries framework, including support for innovative national, regional and interregional programmes and projects and the expanded utilization of the technical cooperation among developing countries modality in the operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

10. Reiterates its request to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to instruct Resident Representatives to increase the application of the technical cooperation among developing countries modality in technical cooperation activities in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/41;

11. Calls upon the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to ensure that separate identity of the Special Unit for technical cooperation among developing countries within the United Nations Development Programme is maintained in accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/119;

12. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to include in his biennial report to the High-level Committee at its eleventh session information on the progress made in the implementation of the present decision.